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Crop Weather Milk Production Cotton Outlook

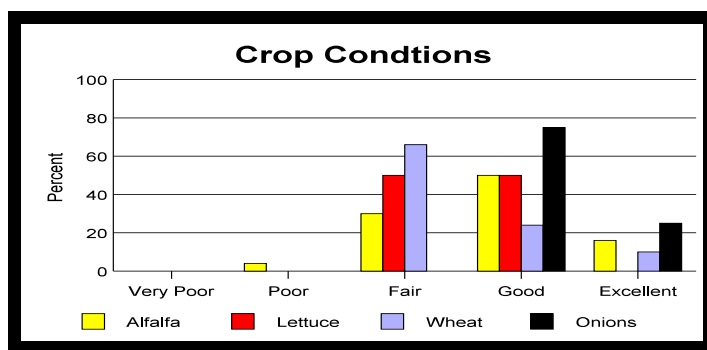
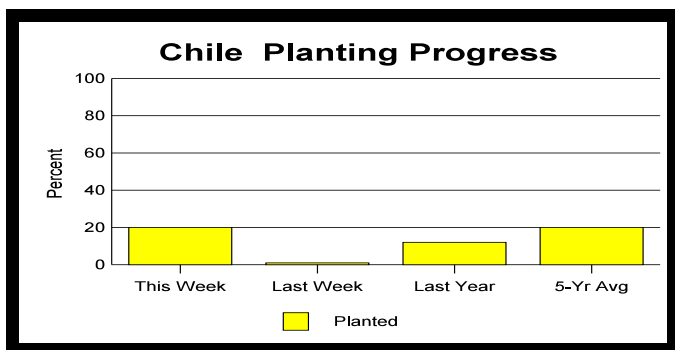
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 18, 2007

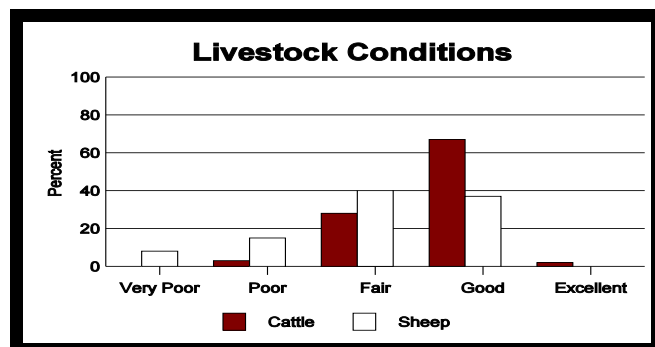
NEW MEXICO: There were 6.7 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 27% very short, 28% short, 44% adequate and 1% surplus. Wind damage was 13% light. Freeze damage was reported as 6% light. Farmers spent the week preparing their fields for planting and irrigating. Alfalfa was reported as 4% poor, 30% fair, 50% good and 16% excellent. Irrigated winter wheat was reported as 38% fair, 44% good and 18% excellent with 50% grazed. Dry winter wheat was reported as 84% fair, 11% good and 5% excellent with 45% grazed. Total winter wheat was reported as 66% fair, 24% good and 10% excellent with 47% grazed. Lettuce was reported as 50% fair and 50% good. Onion conditions were reported as 75% good and 25% excellent with 97% planted. Chile was reported as 20% planted. Cattle conditions were reported as 3% poor, 28% fair, 67% good and 2% excellent. Sheep conditions were reported as 8% very poor, 15% poor, 40% fair, 37% good. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 1% very poor, 6% poor, 40% fair, 50% good and 3% excellent. Ranchers are calving, branding and working cattle.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	20	1	12	20
ONIONS	Planted	97	95	99	87
WHEAT (All)	Grazed	47	65	9	31

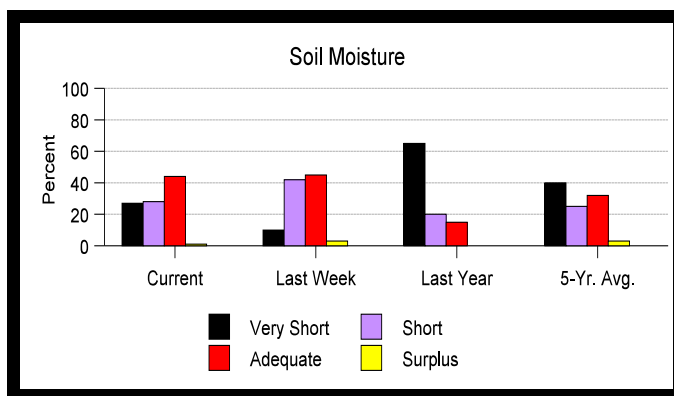


CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	---	4	30	50	16
Lettuce	---	---	50	50	---
Onions	---	---	---	75	25
Wheat (All)	---	---	66	24	10
Cattle	---	3	28	67	2
Sheep	8	15	40	37	---
Range/Pasture	1	6	40	50	3



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	58	10	29	3
Northeast	1	46	53	---
Southwest	20	60	20	---
Southeast	34	13	52	1
State Current	27	28	44	1
State-Last Week	10	42	45	3
State-Last Year	65	20	15	---
State-5-Yr Avg.	40	25	32	3



WEATHER SUMMARY

The week began with a storm system over southeast New Mexico. This storm produced as much as 1.01 inches of rain at Tatum and .74 inches at Clovis before exiting the region Tuesday. The week was exceptionally warm, averaging about 10 degrees above normal for the state. A number of locations experienced record-breaking maximum temperatures as temperatures reached the 70s and 80s everywhere except at the highest-elevation locations.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - MARCH 12 - 18, 2007

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	03/12 03/18	03/01 03/18	Normal Mar.	01/01 03/18	Normal Jan-Mar
Farmington	54.0	76	29	0.00	0.14	0.81	1.15	1.97
Gallup	51.5	78	27	0.00	0.00	1.05	1.41	2.59
Capulin	45.4	75	19	0.00	0.00	0.89	1.58	1.85
Chama	45.1	69	21	0.00	0.10	1.99	4.17	5.34
Johnson Ranch	48.0	75	22	0.00	0.00	0.74	1.26	1.98
Las Vegas	49.8	75	23	0.00	0.00	0.63	1.73	1.71
Los Alamos	53.1	73	31	0.00	0.01	1.22	1.61	2.88
Raton	48.9	77	25	0.00	0.01	0.83	0.49	1.84
Red River	40.9	65	18	0.00	0.41	1.78	3.50	4.07
Santa Fe	50.1	76	23	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.99	2.06
Clayton	52.9	81	31	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.62	1.10
Clovis	55.0	85	36	0.74	0.74	0.59	2.16	1.49
Roy	50.2	78	26	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.60	1.32
Tucumcari	54.6	88	34	0.06	0.11	0.40	0.97	1.13
Grants	49.4	78	22	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.83	1.50
Quemado	48.3	74	19	0.00	0.00	0.80	1.39	2.35
Albuquerque	58.4	79	37	0.01	0.01	0.54	0.89	1.44
Carrizozo	54.4	79	30	0.00	0.00	0.57	2.04	1.74
Socorro	57.0	85	28	0.00	0.03	0.27	0.50	1.05
Gran Quivera	54.7	77	28	0.00	0.00	0.72	1.38	2.24
Moriarty	49.3	79	20	0.00	0.00	0.53	0.90	1.44
Ruidoso	48.3	73	29	0.13	0.13	1.33	4.62	3.61
Carlsbad	60.7	89	41	0.20	0.22	0.30	2.30	1.00
Roswell	55.7	85	32	0.36	0.36	0.45	1.93	1.34
Tatum	55.4	84	37	1.01	1.27	0.52	2.44	1.41
Alamogordo	62.6	81	43	0.00	0.00	0.46	1.97	1.67
Animas	62.4	84	39	0.00	0.00	0.47	1.61	1.66
Deming	62.3	86	37	0.00	0.00	0.34	1.29	1.36
Las Cruces	62.6	85	43	0.00	0.00	0.22	1.46	1.05
T or C	63.1	84	37	0.00	0.00	0.34	1.11	1.18

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during February totaled 542 million pounds. Milk per cow for the month averaged 1,535 pounds. Number of milk cows on farms was 353,00 head.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.1 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from February 2006. January revised production, at 14.3 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2006. The January revision represented an increase of 48 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,586 pounds for February, no change from February 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 71,000 head more than February 2006, but 3,000 head less than January 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: January 2006^{1/} and February 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	2/06	1/07	2/07	2/06	1/07	2/07	2/06	1/07	2/07
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	171	175	175	1,940	1,995	1,845	332	349	323
CA	1,779	1,791	1,793	1,710	1,880	1,755	3,042	3,367	3,147
CO	106	115	115	1,775	1,840	1,660	188	212	191
FL	134	130	131	1,425	1,470	1,410	191	191	185
ID	473	502	503	1,670	1,850	1,680	790	929	845
IL	104	103	103	1,540	1,645	1,460	160	169	150
IN	162	165	165	1,575	1,720	1,580	255	284	261
IA	201	210	210	1,610	1,720	1,610	324	361	338
KS	111	110	110	1,650	1,725	1,565	183	190	172
KY	101	93	93	1,080	1,230	1,140	109	114	106
MI	314	325	325	1,725	1,925	1,745	542	626	567
MN	450	455	455	1,460	1,635	1,475	657	744	671
MO	114	115	115	1,320	1,300	1,180	150	150	136
NM	344	358	353	1,700	1,690	1,535	585	605	542
NY	645	628	628	1,475	1,610	1,485	951	1,011	933
OH	273	275	275	1,390	1,520	1,410	379	418	388
OR	119	114	112	1,450	1,605	1,520	173	183	170
PA	555	549	548	1,550	1,640	1,500	860	900	822
TX	328	347	347	1,735	1,780	1,640	569	618	569
VT	143	140	140	1,450	1,560	1,385	207	218	194
VA	103	100	100	1,410	1,540	1,380	145	154	138
WA	236	235	235	1,790	1,930	1,805	422	454	424
WI	1,240	1,245	1,246	1,455	1,630	1,490	1,804	2,029	1,857
23 STS	8,206	8,280	8,277	1,586	1,724	1,586	13,018	14,276	13,129

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

COTTON OUTLOOK

ERS, USDA, March 12, 2007

The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cotton forecast for 2006/07 indicates that U.S. cotton exports will decline from last season's record shipments of 18 million bales; the current projection places exports at 14 million bales in 2006/07, similar to 2004/05. U.S. exports as a share of total demand have risen significantly since the downward mill use trend began in 1998/99. However, the share is expected to decline slightly this season to about 74 percent, compared with 75.4 percent in 2005/06. U.S. cotton exports are projected to decrease 4 million bales in 2006/07, despite a large gap between world consumption and production. Increased competition from other exporting countries and a foreign import demand reduced 5 million bales this season account for the decrease. However, foreign cotton mill use in 2006/07 is forecast at a record 116.5 million bales, with China expected to use 50 million bales, or 43 percent of the total.

U.S. Cotton Supply Unchanged; Demand Lower: The 2006/07 U.S. cotton crop remains estimated at 21.7 million bales (upland at about 21 million and extra-long staple (ELS) at 756,000 bales), compared with last season's record of 23.9 million bales. USDA will release final production estimates on May 11th. Based on the current production estimate and beginning stocks of 6.1 million bales, this season's U.S. cotton supply will total 27.8 million bales, 5.5 percent below 2005/06. While supply was unchanged in March, 2006/07 U.S. cotton demand was lowered 500,000 bales, to 19 million, nearly 21 percent below last season and the lowest since 2001/02. Exports were responsible for the entire reduction in March as mill use remains estimated at 5 million bales. U.S. cotton exports are forecast at 14 million bales for 2006/07, due to the continued sluggishness of total export commitments (export sales and shipments) to date. Although U.S. commitments are similar to those in 2005/06 for most countries, those for China, the leading importer of U.S. cotton, are well below a year earlier. In addition, China's imports were also lowered this month. Based on the latest supply and demand outlook, U.S. cotton ending stocks for 2006/07 are forecast to jump 45 percent from 2005/06 to 8.8 million bales. At this level, ending stocks would be the largest since 1985/86 and the highest stocks-to-use ratio since 1988/89.